

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**(IN FORMAT COMPLIANT WITH THE REVISED 37 CFR 1.121)**

Please add claims 17-20.

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for managing projects,  
comprising:

a. means for inputting data concerning a project;

b. means for associating a plurality of individuals  
5 listed in a first database with said project;

c. means for determining a deadline for completing a  
task associated with said project;

d. means for ~~determining~~ generating in a second  
database a first date prior to said deadline;

10 e. means for generating and electronically transmitting  
on said first date a first reminder to complete said task to ~~an a~~  
first individual of said individuals ~~associated with the project;~~

15 f. means for ~~determining~~ generating in said second  
database a second date that is before said deadline but after said  
first date;

g. means for generating and electronically transmitting  
to said first individual on said second date a second reminder to  
complete said task ~~to said individual associated with the project;~~

20 h. means for ~~determining~~ generating in said second  
database a third date that is before said deadline but after said  
second date, wherein the number of days between said first date and

said second date is greater than the number of days between said second date and said third date; and

25 i. means for generating and electronically transmitting to said first individual on said third date a third reminder to complete said task ~~to said individual associated with the project.~~

30 2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1, wherein said deadline is ~~the~~ a last day to respond to an action by a governmental agency without an extension.

35 3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 2, wherein said action comprises ~~deadline is the last day to respond without an extension to~~ an office action issued by a patent examiner.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1, wherein said deadline is ~~a deadline~~ for filing a patent application.

40 5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1, wherein said second reminder is also electronically transmitted to a second individual of said individuals ~~associated with the project~~ who was not sent said first reminder.

45 6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 5, wherein said third reminder is also electronically transmitted to a third individual of said individuals ~~associated with the project~~ who was not sent said second reminder.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 5, wherein  
said second individual is a supervisor of said first individual  
50 ~~associated with the project.~~

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for managing projects,  
comprising:

a. means for inputting data concerning a project;  
b. means for associating a plurality of individuals  
5 with said project;

c. means for ~~predetermining~~ determining a date;  
d. means for generating and electronically transmitting  
to a first individual of said individuals ~~associated with said~~  
~~project~~, prior to said ~~predetermined~~ date, a first reminder to  
10 complete a task associated with the project; and

e. means for generating and electronically transmitting  
to said first individual and a second individual of said  
individuals, to whom the first reminder was not transmitted, a  
second reminder to complete the task ~~associated with the project.~~

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 8, wherein  
said ~~predetermined~~ date is the last day to respond to a ~~PTO~~ United  
States Patent and Trademark Office office action without an  
extension.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 8, wherein said ~~predetermined~~ date is a deadline for filing a patent application.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 8, further comprising means for generating and electronically transmitting to said first individual, said second individual, and a third individual of said individuals, to whom neither the first reminder  
5 or second reminder was sent, a third reminder to compete the task ~~associated with the project~~.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for managing projects, comprising:

a. means for inputting data concerning a project;  
b. means for associating a plurality of individuals  
5 listed in a first database with said project;

c. means for inputting ~~the fact of~~ a completion of a first task associated with said project in a second database; and

d. means for generating and electronically transmitting, responsive to ~~the inputting of the fact of~~ the  
10 completion of said first task, an instruction to complete a second task to ~~an~~ a first individual of said individuals ~~associated with said project~~.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for managing projects, comprising:

a. means for inputting data concerning a project;

b. means for associating a plurality of individuals  
5 with said project;

c. means for generating and electronically transmitting  
a plurality of first reminders to complete a task associated with  
said project to a first individual of said individuals ~~associated~~  
~~with the project~~; and

10 d. means for generating and electronically transmitting  
a second reminder to a second individual of said individuals  
~~associated with the project~~ that said task requires completion,  
wherein said second reminder to said second individual is generated  
and transmitted after a predetermined number of said first  
15 reminders have been transmitted to said first individual concerning  
said task.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 13, wherein  
said second individual is ~~the~~ a supervisor of said first  
individual.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for managing projects,  
comprising:

a. means for inputting data concerning a project;

b. means for associating a plurality of individuals  
5 with said project;

c. means for ~~predetermining~~ determining a date;

d. means for automatically generating and electronically transmitting by a first mode to ~~an~~ a first individual of said individuals ~~associated with said project~~, prior to said ~~predetermined~~ date, a first reminder to complete a task associated with the project; and

e. means for automatically generating and electronically transmitting by a second mode to said first individual a second reminder to compete the task associated with the project on said date.

16. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 15, wherein said first mode is e-mail and said second mode is voice mail.

17. (NEW) The system of claim 12, wherein said data concerning said project is stored in a third database.

18. (NEW) The system of claim 8, wherein (i) said individuals are listed in a first database and (ii) said means for determining said date uses information stored in a second database.

19. (NEW) The system of claim 13, wherein (i) said individuals are listed in a first database and (ii) said data concerning said project is stored in a second database.

20. (NEW) The system of claim 15, herein (i) said individuals are listed in a first database and (ii) said means for determining said date uses information stored in a second database.